WTWG Minutes for Monday, August 29 at 10:30 AM

Jack CarpenterDar CrammondPhil CraneStuart CraneRick DiekerStephan FanciulloCarter FjeldCarron HelbergChris LynchLarry MartinDavid MurilloTom RingChad RossRon Van Gundy

David Murillo called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM. Carron Helberg gave the 7/25/05 minutes to the group as they arrived, due to the disabling of CH's email the week before. Jack Carpenter corrected a portion of the minutes and the group will provide additional comments at the next meeting.

The group continued with the next agenda item to discuss the revised transfer, 2005-50 for Mr. Wheatley. Jack Carpenter discussed the updates. KRD needs the impact to be zero. KRD is supportive but concerned about the management of this transfer without involving the KRD water users. JC stated that water transfer 2005-3 is the same as this one. This transfer is TWSA and water budget neutral per Chris Lynch and Phil Crane. JC explained how KRD's system tracks the water used in the Taneum Chute. The group recommended the transfer.

The group continued with the next revised transfer 2005-51 for the City of Roslyn. JC for KRD asked how long it has been fallow. KRD is concerned that the houses should not get water. PC stated that the domestic wells maybe how the district serves them. KRD wants assurances that they assess and serve them thru Ellensburg Water Company. The group continued to talk about the tributary water right and the irrigation district water right; in the future, an annexation is possible into the city; and the future uses of Ag land. The group felt language needs added to the transfer to address the management of this transfer, and then the group recommended this transfer.

The group continued to the next agenda item of new transfers, 2005-56 for Tieton Hydropower power plant. Carter Fjeld and Chad Ross explained to the group the project. They have a small need for water – dust abatement and a cement plant for example. The project started August 1 and needs compaction water for excavation, with concrete being the largest need. Will use water until April 1, 2006, and the power plant will be operational sometime in 2006. Installing a 48" bypass pipe, a 4" sleeve for water use, and cap once the project is complete. It as suggested that they may be able to use the existing piping as it is the same source. Mountain States Construction will monitor the water usage. Larry Martin indicated that all partners, (YN, Ecology, and Reclamation) would need to sign off on this. Tom Ring stated that they (Tom Ring and Stuart Crane) are not the body to sign off for the YN. LM will send a letter to the governing bodies for their concurrence. The group asked Rick Dieker of YTID if he has run the canal in the winter, RD said yes he has, occasionally out of Rimrock Reservoir. TR noted the draft

order needs changes in purpose and temporary place of use. PC said the POD should be ok, within 100' of the Tieton Dam. Reclamation has no operational problems, and YTID has no problems with this transfer. The group stated if Tieton Hydropower makes the revisions in the order, the group recommends this transfer.

The group agreed the next meeting will be September 26, 2005 at 10:30 AM.

The group adjourned at 11:30 AM.